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It is very well, and quite enjoyable, to pay a visit to your "wife's folks," whether in Eastern Kansas or Missouri. But the charm of the visit is soon broken by a desire to return to your business haunts. Few people there are who cannot testify to the correctness of this statement. You may ask W. S. Amos, and he will tell you that, while the rains and abundant vegetation in Eastern Kansas, insure the farmers and business men against stagnation, there is about the dry climate of Western Kansas something which exhilarates you and brings peace and enjoyment. While in Missouri Prof Webb saw evidences of great reaction in some of the once prosperous towns. He found many vacant buildings and learned of depleted population. The "rush to the cities" has taken an adverse turn, and farmers who found temporary enjoyment in town living, to gratify old time desires, returned to their farm homes. At some of the watering places there was less attendance than in former years. It is best to "stay by the farm," an advice which can be profitably taken by Western Kansas farmers. Frank Sturgeon found Missouri rather dull and prosy compared to living in Western Kansas. Here a living can be more easily obtained than in moss-covered Missouri. Advantages in this part of Kansas for stock-raising and money making equal, if they do not excel, perhaps, if not close-fisted Missouri. While Mr. Sturgeon did not accomplish all he desired among the Missourians, he feels confident that some Missourians are bound to come to Kansas to see what is in store for enterprising and thrifty men. It is true of all people, who go back to former homes, on short visits, to return to their homes here much better satisfied with the prospects ahead than they anticipated. We learn much by comparison.

RAILROAD NEWS.

—A. C. Jastatt and wife and daughter Helen, returned Friday night, from a few weeks journey to the eastern states. Mr. Jastatt and family were in Philadelphia and other eastern cities, and had a pleasant time at their old home, North Jackson, Ohio.

—The Santa Fe railroad has leased 300 grain cars from the Baltimore & Ohio for use on the Oklahoma and the Panhandle divisions. The immense wheat crop is being moved as rapidly as it is possible for the railroad to handle it.

—The Santa Fe company has commenced a work looking to the protection of the public at crossings and the reduction, as a result, in the amount paid out annually for damages. It is the equipment of all crossings at principal stations with automatic electric bells, which warn people from the tracks as soon as the train comes within a thousand feet of the crossings. Each bell costs about \$300.

—It has been decided by the Rock Island operating department, to use its "1200 series" of monster locomotives in hauling the Kansas and Oklahoma G. A. R. special trains between Mississippi river points and Chicago. These loco-

motives have recently been added to the equipment of the Rock Island and are the largest and most perfect locomotives in service, on any railroad in the United States today.

The using of these locomotives in hauling the G. A. R. specials, not only assures a quick, safe and on time service to the Rock Island patrons, but will also give the passengers an opportunity to see the workings of these wonderful locomotives. These locomotives are equipped with all late safety appliances, including electric headlights, which will reveal any object for a distance of a mile ahead of the train.

—Harvey Evans, of the C. & S., who is visiting here this week, says if McKinley buttons are a sign Colorado will go Republican this year. He is stationed at Trinidad.

—A Union meeting of the L. A. O. R. C., is being held in Pueblo. The members of the Dodge City society who are attending are as follows: Mrs. E. D. Bowen, Mrs. Geo. D. Pond, Mrs. T. B. Sullivan, Mrs. F. M. Pope, Mrs. Jos. Dillard, Mrs. A. P. Helm. The society will be in session a few days.

—D. N. Burge, of Topeka, special agent of the A. T. & S. F. Ry., was in the city several days last week. He caused Dan Rice to be arrested for appropriating railroad ties. The trial of Rice was had before Justice Neal Saturday, and the defendant was found guilty of taking thirty ties and fined \$10 and cost, making a total of \$14.20. Heretofore the railroad company has not been hard on the fellows who took ties, but from this on they say they will prosecute all such to a finish that they can apprehend.—Garden City Imprint.

—General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe stated today that the work of reducing the grades on the Santa Fe proper had been authorized, and that active operations would commence by September 1 at the latest.

Special equipment amounting to \$30,000 and consisting of two steam shovels, two unloaders and 40 dirt cars, have been ordered, and will be sent to the "cutoff" between Holliday and Ottawa as soon as received. One steam shovel, one unloader and several cars are expected by the middle of next month.

The grade reduction work represents the greatest improvement scheme ever entered into by the Santa Fe management. It will furnish work to several hundred men, and will mean an outlay of several millions of dollars. Several years will be consumed in completing it.

The work this year will probably be confined to that portion of the "cutoff" between Holliday and Ottawa.

The Situation in New York.

The Democrats have not much hope in carrying New York. The nominations of Bryan and Stevenson indicate so much. It is the west that the Democrats hope to carry, but the same causes which operate in New York state operate elsewhere.

Holland, the New York correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, summarizes the political situation in New York as follows:

THE FARMERS AND SILVER.

In some parts of the state in 1896, notably in one section near the St. Lawrence valley, and again near the western boundaries, the farmers who had suffered by reason of agricultural depression showed considerable sympathy with the Chicago platform and they were much impressed by the arguments of which Bryan made

use. Therefore, the party stood in danger of considerable Republican defection in 1896. This year not a sign of defection of that kind exists, nor has there been anywhere in the state any change of sentiment that can be detected which would justify the belief that any part of the voters who were opposed to free silver then have satisfied themselves that they were wrong in that opposition and that the free silver dogma is sound.

The gold Democrats, one after another, speak with earnestness, some of them with indignation, of the Kansas City platform. On the other hand, only one of those who were prominent as gold Democrats in 1896 has declared a purpose of supporting Bryan this year, and he is on the imperialism issue. In fact, the prevailing sentiment among gold Democrats here seems to be that this year it would be far better to support McKinley outright than to vote for candidates of the gold Democracy.

Therefore, we cannot discover anything that suggests that the gold Democracy proposes to return to Bryan, but, on the other hand, everything to justify the belief that they will this year, with few exceptions, vote for McKinley. Croker cannot hope for his Democratic plurality from gold Democrats who in 1896 refused to support Bryan, but who will do so this year.

If Croker sincerely expects that New York state is to give a majority for Bryan it must be because he is of the opinion that the great body of wage earners, that great middle class which is neither rich nor poor, is so envious of those who are better off than they, dissatisfied even with the happy experience of the past four years, that they are going to change this year, and change to so great an extent as to indicate abnormal, almost revolutionary, political disturbance.

To give Mr. Bryan the electoral vote of New York would involve wiping out a



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Republican plurality of four years ago of 250,000, or a change of 125,000 votes, and yet the issues are practically the same, and the unhappy conditions that prevailed throughout the country in 1896 do not now prevail.

It is from cool analysis like this that so many persons here find their impression changing to conviction that Croker's sole purpose in this campaign is to save for himself the city of New York. It is true that the local administration is not involved in this campaign. The city election does not occur until next year. But Croker is looking ahead to the mayoralty election of 1901, and that is an element in which Hill and the up-state Democrats who are at enmity with him can have no disturbing influences. Therefore, Croker does not fear their power, and takes into no consideration any influence they may exert.

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